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Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.499

This responds to the Office Action mailed June 21, 1999. This reply is accompanied by a Petition for an Extension of Time of two (2) months, to extend the time to reply to the outstanding Office Action up to and including September 21, 1999.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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105. (Amended) The molecule according to claim 58, wherein the transactivator complex characteristic of a physiological or physiopathological state is a protein having a transcriptional transactivating activity.

106. (Amended) The molecule according to claim 105, wherein the transactivator complex is a cellular protein.